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1989 F VOLVO B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE H, 49 reclining seats, courier, centre demountable toilet/continental door, d/glazed, Telma, blinds, radio / PA, etc. £67,500

1988 F VOLVO B9M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200, 35 reclining seats, 2 tables, Pannier lockers, radio/pa, choice £57,500

1988 E VOLVO B10M JONCKHEERE P599, 53/57 retrimmed reclining seats, courier, d/glazed, radio/PA, repainted white £62,500

1986 C VOLVO B10M CAETANO ALGARVE, 53 reclining seats, courier, continental door, radio/PA, new test..... £35,000

1985 C VOLVO B9M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200, 43 retrimmed seats, repanned and painted white, new test, choice £42,500

1980 V VOLVO B58 SEMI AUTO, PLAXTON SUPREME IV, 53 E-type seats, courier seat, power door, curtains £10,000

OTHERS

1995 N IVECO 59/12, Cacciamali, 20 Fainsa seats, Webasto, Sutruk, air con, radio/pa/fridge, boiler, large boot, immaculate £37,500 £35,000

1992 K MERCEDES 709, Dormobile bus, auto, 29 seats + 7 standees £17,500

1990 G MERCEDES 709, Reeve Burgess bus auto, 25 seats + 8 standees, POD, new test £13,000

1988 DENNIS JAVELIN DUPLE 320, 11 metre, express doors, 53 retrimmed seats, white, radio/pa..... £38,500

1988 E LEYLAND SWIFT WADDAM STRINGER VANGUARD II, 7.6 wide, 37 bus seats, auto, telma, new test..... £18,000

1987 E MERCEDES 609, Ensor 19/16 Fainsa seats, tables, radio/PA, carpeted, racks, power steering, drop boot, clean £12,000

1987 LAG PANORAMIC, 49 retrimmed reclining seats, courier seat, centre toilet with continental door, d/glazed, Telma, radio/PA, repainted white £42,500

1985 FORD R115 PLA XTON PARAMOUNT, 8.5 metre, 29 seats, 3 tables, POD, radio/PA £13,500

1984 BEDFORD NJM WADHAM STRINGER VANGUARD, Ratcliffe side lift, low mileage

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1989 DAF SB2300 CAETANO ALGARVE, 53 seater
1989 TOYOTA OPTIMO, 21 seater
1987 BEDFORD PJK, Plaxton Paramount 3200, 29 seater
1986 SCANIA K92, Plaxton Paramount 3500, 55 seater
1984 VOLVO B10M, Jonckheere P50, drop driver, TV, 53 seater
1984 LEYLAND TIGER, Jonckheere P50, rear sunken toilet, TV, 53 seater
1984 LEYLAND TIGER, manual Paramount 3500, 53 recliners
1984 BEDFORD YNT, Duple Laser, 53 seater
1984 BEDFORD YNT, Duple Laser, 53 retrimmed seats
1983 LEYLAND TIGER, Jonckheere P50, TV, 53 seater
1983 LEYLAND TIGER, Manual Duple Domi IV, 53 seater
1983 NEOPLAN JETLINER, 49 retrimmed seats, centre sunken toilet

1983 BEDFORD YNT PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200, 53 seater

1982 B10M DUPLE GOLDLINER, 53 seater

1980 VOLVO B58 DUPLE DOMINANT IV, 53 seater

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1990 DAF SB 2300 JONCKHEERE DAUVILLE 599
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1989 DENNIS JAVELIN 12M DUPLE 320
 51 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished white/orange/red. M.O.T MAY 1998

1989 LEYLAND TIGER 290 12 DUPLE 320
 53 reclining seats, finished cream/orange M.O.T. OCTOBER 1997

1989 MERCEDES BENZ 0303 12M
 53 reclining seats, finished all white. NEW M.O.T

1989 MERCEDES BENZ 0303 12M
 53 reclining seats, finished red/cream. NEW M.O.T

1987 MERCEDES BENZ 307D
 12 seater, finished white with lower band. M.O.T JANUARY 1998

1989 SCANIA K93 12M DUPLE 320
 51 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished silver/blue. M.O.T MAY 1998

1989 VOLVO B10M CAETANO ALGARVE
 53 seats, finished all white. M.O.T MARCH 1998

1989 VOLVO B10M CAETANO ALGARVE
 57 seats, finished all white. M.O.T MARCH 1998

1989 VOLVO B10M CAETANO ALGARVE
 51 seater, toilet + exec. spec., finished all white. M.O.T FEBRUARY 1998

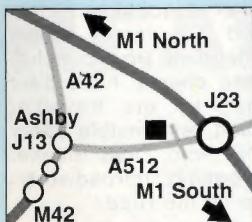
1987 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 53 reclining seats, finished white with green/blue flash on sides. M.O.T DECEMBER 1997

1987 DAF MB 230 DKFL 12M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500
 51 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished white/orange stripe. M.O.T. NOVEMBER 1997

1987 LEYLAND TIGER 260 12M DUPLE 320 53 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished cream/duo red. M.O.T. MARCH 1998

1985 VOLVO B10M BERKHOFF EMPEROR
 60 reclining seats, toilet + exec. spec., finished cream/maroon. M.O.T. JUNE 1997

1982 NEOPLAN JETLINER (MERC V8) INTEGRAL
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Front Cover: A Mercedes Sprinter 16 seater with coach rear and boot, and a Mercedes Vario 24 seater with boot from Crest Coach Conversions.

News

1471 coaches checked

This year's highly publicised coach safety 'blitz', dubbed Operation Tourist, took place last Saturday (9 August) between 08.00 and 16.00. Co-ordinated by Avon & Somerset police, the operation involved 16 police forces and 157 Vehicle Inspectorate staff, at close to 30 locations throughout the south and west, as far north as the West Midlands (Frankley) and Staffordshire (Keele). A total of 1471 vehicles were inspected compared with 1217 in 1996. Of these 50 were issued with immediate prohibitions, a drop on the previous year's total of 52, although the number of delayed prohibitions increased from 96 to 121.

Two kinds of checks were carried out by the VI - vehicle examiners undertook roadworthiness inspections while traffic examiners looked for documentation discrepancies. 1027 coaches (1996 849) received roadworthiness checks while 887 (1996 765) were scrutinised on documentation grounds, with many being looked at by both arms of the VI.

The number of vehicles completely clear of roadworthiness deficiencies rose encouragingly from 402 in 1996 to 867 this year, up from 47.3% to 84.4%. Similarly over 71% of vehicles (633 coaches) were clear of documentation problems, up from 60.4% in 1996.

It is dangerous vehicles that tend to grab the headlines and sadly there were a number of serious defects found. The police reported a coach on which the nuts holding the steering wheel in place were only finger tight, a

vehicle with batteries so damaged it could have caused a serious fire, one with badly corroded brake pipes, another with the suspension collapsed and one on which the power steering system had failed. Of the immediate and delayed prohibitions, 16 related to brake matters, 13 to steering, nine to tyres and 18 to emissions.

Not all of the vehicles inspected were British as the totals include 16 checked for roadworthiness and 22 for documentation. Among these were a Hungarian coach on which the wheels were loose and a Spanish double decker on which all emergency exits were inoperative.

Traffic examiners reported 163 (18.4%) offences for further action. Of these 104 related to driver's records irregularities, 19 were apparent driver's hours infringements, seven were operator licensing discrepancies and a further seven vehicles were not taxed. A new feature of Operation Tourist was the issuing of 214 verbal warnings for matters that did not warrant immediate action.

Commenting on the operation, Bob Lintern, head of operations (enforcement) for the VI said, 'This operation shows the continuing commitment of the Vehicle Inspectorate and the police to work together in the interests of road safety. This year several major faults were found on coaches, this resulted in 50 vehicles being immediately ordered off the road. Whilst it is disappointing that Operation Tourist suggests that there has been little improvement in the overall

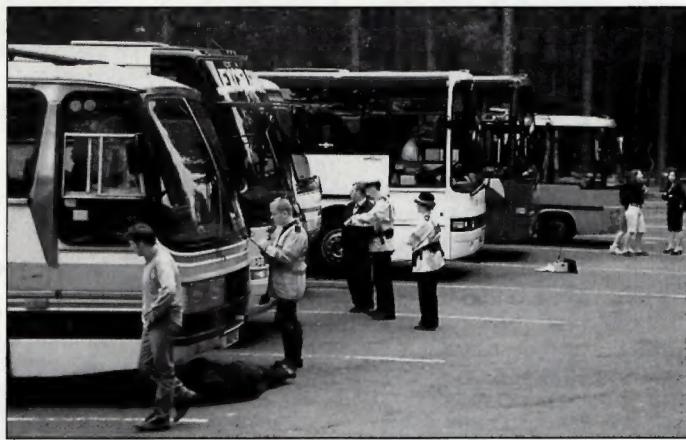
condition of the fleet, we are encouraged that a very high proportion of vehicles inspected were found to be defect free and that the vast majority of coach operators take their responsibilities, with regard to the maintenance of their vehicles, very seriously. Nevertheless it is important that both the Vehicle Inspectorate and the police continue to target and take action against those operators whose vehicles are not up to the required standards.'

Among 430 'other offences' detected by police were several drivers working while claiming unemployment benefit, drivers exceeding their permitted hours, and a number of falsified documents. Superintendent Tim Dow, head of Avon & Somerset traffic department, commented, 'While the majority of coaches on our roads are safe, it is clear there are still some operators who are not properly maintaining their vehicles.'

The aim was to complete the checks on each vehicle within 30 minutes and this was generally the case. Each of the inspection sites was at a location where toilets, telephones and refreshments were available for passengers, and providing no faults were found, the impact upon them was minimal. Vehicles inspected at one site were given passes to prevent them being delayed later at another. The VI reports that passengers appreciated that the operation was in the interests of their safety. Passengers made no official complaints but two ended their journey prematurely at one of the Hampshire check sites when they were arrested for possession of drugs.

Both the police and the VI judged the operation a success and made it clear that more would follow. A VI spokesman indicated that just as the geographic scope of the checks had been extended this year, it was likely that the area covered would be further extended in 1998. Superintendent Dow concluded, 'these checks have been welcomed by the travelling public and responsible coach operators who have thanked us for getting unroadworthy coaches off the road.'

By Stuart Jones



Some of the coaches being inspected at Fleet Services during Operation Tourist.

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BOVA	1	1	36	36
DAF BUS	11	2	94	94
DENNIS	52	40	758	600
IVECO	1	4	21	16
MAN	0	0	11	26
MERCEDES BENZ	0	3	22	25
OPTARE	8	7	112	128
SCANIA	13	10	133	201
VOLVO	92	89	1,039	1,008
OTHER BRITISH	0	0	7	0
OTHER IMPORTS	1	14	91	100
TOTAL BRITISH	117	62	1,266	959
TOTAL IMPORTS	62	108	1,058	1,275
GRAND TOTAL	179	170	2,324	2,234

News

Stagecoach sells Malawi operation

Stagecoach Holdings is to sell its 51% shareholding in Stagecoach Malawi Ltd to Admarc Investment Holdings Company Ltd. Admarc already has a minority shareholding in the operation and though the purchase price has not been disclosed it is described as 'a nominal consideration.'

In the year to 30 April 1997

Stagecoach Malawi had a turnover of £13.2 million and returned a profit of £200,000. The net assets at that time were £5.4 million. The fleet includes Metsec bodied Dennis Dragons used on inter urban work, Volvo B10Ms including some with Plaxton Paramount bodies, ERF Trailblazers, Leyland Victorines, and DAF TB2100s

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Stagecoach progress in Oxford

Stagecoach plans for the former Thames Transit operation in Oxford are becoming clear as MD Alex Carter gets his feet under the table at Horspath Road. As expected, Stagecoach corporate livery is to become standard on most vehicles although those which carried strong branding for particular services will have the branding incorporated sympathetically. The priority will be to repaint unbranded buses.

The company is looking to invest further in modern full sized vehicles which are expected to include new B10M buses and Olympian double deckers. A variety of mini and midibuses including Ford Transits, Ivecos and Mercedes Benz 709/811s will be displaced with the Ivecos expected to migrate south to join similar buses with the Stagecoach Devon operation which was formerly part of Transit Holdings. Three fur-

ther dual door Plaxton Pointer bodied Dennis Darts, ordered prior to the takeover, are scheduled for imminent delivery in Blackbird Flyer livery and a number of pre-arranged changes to services on the Abingdon corridor are scheduled to commence on Saturday 16 August. As part of a modernisation process the Timtronic ticketing system will be phased out in favour of a Wayfarer 3 system by the end of the year.

As a trial, a Jonckheere Mistral bodied articulated Volvo B10M is being borrowed from Fife for a two week period, for use on the London Tube. Although the loan coach has fixed seats and no toilet, and is therefore not as highly specified as existing Tube coaches, it is hoped that it will give pointers about the type's suitability for the service. Trials with a double deck coach are also under consideration.

New board members at UVG

UVG Bus & Coach, the Waterlooville based manufacturer responsible for the S320 coach, has announced two senior appointments. Kapul Gill, 35, formerly Coach Product Manager with Plaxton at Scarborough, has been appointed Sales & Engineering Director. His role will be to establish a product strategy to take UVG forward, identifying which products and which markets the company can best succeed in, in its quest for steady growth. He will also be responsible for quality. Also new is Production Director, Martin Rhodes who was previously with Walter Alexander at Falkirk. Both men are married with two young children. The appointments follow the recent arrival of Fred Edwards, 33, in the managing director role.

Wesley rejoins Alexander

Wesley Keys has rejoined Alexander as general manager of Alexander's Far East operations. Prior to the move he was MD of refuse collection vehicle manufacturers, Hell Europe, although he had previously spent 20 years with Leyland and Alexander. He commented, 'I am delighted to be rejoining Alexander at such a dynamic time in the industry, both at home and abroad, and I look forward to continuing to develop the export business, particularly in the new era in Hong Kong.'

Nigel McGaughey, who had been based in Hong Kong, returns to Falkirk in September and will add product development to his existing responsibilities for export business. 'It makes good sense to combine these roles, as so much of our export business is dependent on new products - either new bus concepts, like the ALX500 low floor double deck or adaptation of our bodies to different types of chassis.'



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Engineering



From left to right **Bulwark Bus & Coach Engineering**

The ex-MOD Leyland Tiger is now being looked at seriously by a number of operators who are keen to find suitable mid-life buses for fleet replacement. Their availability at the auctions follows reduced defence commitments in Europe brought about by the end of the Cold War. Many date from as late as 1989 and have Plaxton Derwent bodies, but have the drawback of being left hand drive. Bulwark Bus & Coach Engineering based in Chepstow, which has made a name for itself over the years for engineering innovation, is now converting

some of these Tigers to right hand drive.

Bulwark Bus & Coach is owned by John Gibson, and the father and son team, Brian and Christopher Gwynne. It was born out of the old National Welsh central repair workshops at Chepstow and the present company still occupies part of the same site. Brian Gwynne has spent virtually his entire working life at the works, starting in 1956 as a panel beater and working up the ladder to the top job of engineering director. He and John bought the business for just

under £1m in 1989 from National Welsh. Since then they have had far from an easy ride. The business was brought to its knees in 1992 when National Welsh became the only former NBC bus subsidiary to go bust. The then Bulwark Transport had been dependent on the bus company for sixty per cent of its work, but with help from its own receivers, it was back in business again in January 1993 as Bulwark Bus and Coach Engineering.

Today the company handles a diverse portfolio of work for around 60 regular

clients including Littlewoods and Tesco, including the supply of new back panels for Scania tractor units operated by the latter, but its core business is still in buses and coaches. 'It's what we know' said Brian. The range of engineering skills which the works now offers was once common place in the former workshops of the big bus operators but is now much harder to find. Bulwark has its own apprentice scheme, something Brian believes strongly in as the best way of maintaining and developing that knowledge.

As well as overhaul and



Before and after. A left hand drive 1986 Plaxton Derwent bodied Leyland Tiger.

Engineering

maintenance, HGV and PSV annual testing preparation, the works offers full machine shop facilities. It can handle general lathe work, crankshaft grinding, line boring and brake drum grinding as well as remanufacturing worn parts, manufacturing bushes and pins, brake cam refurbishing and cylinder head surface grinding. Reconditioning of fuel pumps, lift pumps and injectors is available as is a full range of bodywork repairs and conversions. The company is an authorised repairer for Norwich Union and carries out Gardner's warranty work for South Wales.

The Gwynnes are always prepared to try something different. It is part of the tradition of the works, and a good example would be the eight Leopard coach chassis that were refurbished back in the 1980s for National Welsh. These were fitted with TL11 218bhp engines and pneumocyclic gearboxes before being rebodyed by Plaxton. The first short Leyland National to be re-engined with a DAF unit came from Chepstow, and Bulwark also pioneered Volvo engine conversions completing more than 30 for operators like Parfitts Motor Services, Rhymney and Ludlows of Halesowen near Birmingham. More recently a 1989 Bedford YNT has been fitted with a Cummins B series engine and six speed ZF gearbox for Beeline Coaches of Warminster so the idea of converting ex-MOD



Bulwark offer a wide range of bus engineering.

Tigers from left to right hand drive is something that they have taken very much in their stride.

The MOD connection

Bulwark first became involved with ex-MOD buses through a batch of Marshall and Wadham Stringer bodied Tigers which had been bought at auction by Baybridge Trading of Winchester in 1992. As well as finding buyers Bulwark carried out certification work. Wadham Stringer bodied buses for Eagre Coaches, Gainsborough and Wakes of Sparkford had new rear end body mouldings fitted featuring a Leyland

National rear window, replacing the existing units fitted with doors. The Eagre bus had a new offside emergency exit while the Wakes bus, which unusually had air suspension rather than the more usual steel springs, had to be tilt tested before it could enter service. This was carried out at the Carmichael fire engine factory in Worcester and the bus was licensed to seat 59 with eight standing after Bulwark had also rebuilt the TL11 engine. It works on the company's Yeovil-Shepton Mallet service and has since been joined in that fleet by another ex-MOD Tiger, this time bodied by Marshall.

One of the first right hand

drive ex-MOD Plaxton Derwent bodied Tigers to come onto the market was snapped up by Baybridge Trading at ADT Auctions and sold through Bulwark to Leisureline in Bristol. The MOD paperwork clearly dated the bus as being new in 1988 so it seemed to be a particularly good buy. But it subsequently transpired that the documentation was incorrect and the bus actually was new in 1986 which had a consequential affect on the price, such are the pitfalls of dealing with a large administration.

At the end of 1996 Baybridge Trading supplied another batch of ten Tigers, six with Wadham Stringer



A 1989 example with stretched side panel which was in the process of being converted at Chepstow.



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1989 VOLVO B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE, 49/53 retrimmed recliners, crew seat, seat belts all seats, demountable toilet, fridge, water boiler, centre continental door, double glazing, Telma retarder, splitter gearbox, grey/brown interior, green/black/cream exterior, MoT £75,000

1989 LEYLAND TIGER PLAXTON DERWENT, 53 coach seats, rear boot, exterior white, MoT 13/4/98 £45,000

1988 FREIGHT ROVER SHERPA CARLYLE, 20 seat bus, moquette seats, 3 standees, grey/red interior, exterior white, MoT 23/8/98 £4,750

1988 LEYLAND TIGER 290 DUPLE 340, 55 recliners, seat belts all seats, radio/tape/PA, Telma retarder, drivers fan, rear continental door, Cummins L10 engine, manual gearbox, grey interior, white/red/green/grey exterior, MoT 2/2/98 £43,000

1987 (OCT) FREIGHT ROVER SHERPA CARLYLE, 20 seat + 4 standees bus, moquette seats, fawn/orange interior, exterior white, MoT 18.9.98 £3,750

1987 VOLVO B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE, 53 recliners, double glazing, side window blinds, Telma retarder, crew seat, grey/blue interior, exterior white, unsigned, MoT 11/97 £59,500

1986 MAN 16.280 BERKHOFF ESPRITE, 49 recliners, crew seat, continental door, double glazing, Peage window, interior grey/red, exterior blue/white £25,000

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Engineering

bodies dating from 1985 and another four 1989 buses with Plaxton Derwent coachwork. All of these buses were left hand drive and Bulwark set about converting one of the Plaxton bodied examples to right hand drive. It proved to be a surprisingly straight forward, although labour intensive, job with only a right hand drive steering box and steering box bracket having to be sourced. It was possible to retrieve all other components from the existing vehicle and move them over as appropriate.

The electrics have to be moved over to the right, necessitating a fair amount of rewiring, while it was possible, on this Plaxton conversion, to turn the front cross member over. Even step mouldings and doors could be reused by simply turning them around. Thus Bulwark were able to supply a well maintained service bus, barely eight years old with on average only 135,000 miles on the clock, at a fraction of the cost of sourcing a similar vehicle on the secondhand market. Brian estimates that a team of three, a bodybuilder, fitter and electrician, can now convert a bus at Chepstow in around three weeks. Body conversion takes the longest but the work of the fitter and electrician can be co-ordinated around this.

Silcox of Pembroke Dock bought the bus and decided to take two more of the 1989 Plaxtons for conversion in its own workshops, sourcing the steering box brackets through Bulwark. The fourth was again converted at Chepstow and it has now joined the fleet of Andrew Ludlow at Halesowen. As well as converting the bus, Bulwark replaced the rear body moulding with a new unit from Plaxton. Ludlows opted not to have the rear window fitted and with Bulwark's trim and new seats, the vehicle has a semi-coach feel to the interior. A new front grille has also been fitted as well as more marker lights across the front dome. Ludlows have used their Tiger, which is a 55 seater with lap-belts, on a variety of work ranging from local service, contracts and private hire and have been happy with its performance although it has now been sold as part of an exchange deal.

Bulwark are now in the process of converting their first Wadham Stringer bodied



The first Wadham Stringer Tiger undergoing conversion.
Opening up the market

Tiger to right hand drive, and are again finding they can rely heavily on the buses existing componentry, although it has not proved possible to turn the front cross member over as was possible with the Plaxton's. A South Wales buyer has shown interest in three of the Wadham Stringer bodied Tigers. If the deal goes through they will be up-seated to 57 using Leyland National seats.

Earlier this year a consortium of Bristol businessmen, headed by Len Munden's Crown Coaches, successfully bid for a job lot of over 100 left hand drive MOD buses.

The vehicles were a mixed bag of Marshall, Wadham Stringer and Plaxton bodied Leyland Tigers and Dodges. Some of the buses have found buyers in France, while



The interior of Ludlows' Tiger.

Bulwark has looked at converting one of the Dodges to right hand drive although this option has not yet been taken up. However the prize amongst the batch are the Plaxton bodied Tigers which date from 1986 to 1989. Silcox has taken ten of these and bought steering brackets from Bulwark to convert them. Baker Dolphin have another eight and Bulwark has the contract to convert these at Chepstow. Tony Turner of Turners Coaches in Bristol has taken steering brackets to do another three while Beeline of Warminster has two.

Bulwark has also supplied Tourex in Oxford, which runs several ex-MOD Marshall bodied Tigers in an all yellow school bus livery, with a steering box bracket. An interesting feature of one of the Tourex buses was seating facing towards the back of the bus.

Despite the quality of build of both the Marshall and Wadham Stringer bodied Tigers, the Plaxton bodied buses seem to command higher prices. The Derwent attracted many sales in the established PSV sector when it was being built in the 1980s. The rapid rise in the price for these former MOD converted buses underlines the growing demand and, as with the Volvo powered National, Bulwark Bus and Coach Engineering has once again shown that it can apply its engineering skills to produce a product to match.

By Andy Izatt



Ludlows of Halesowen bought this example from Bulwark.

Operator Focus

Ralphs Coaches

Changing Up

Ralphs Coaches of Langley near Slough is a company well known for its longstanding involvement in the provision of buses and coaches to serve Heathrow and Stansted airports. This image of a concern primarily operating hotel and airport services is no longer an accurate one because the emphasis is now very firmly on the private hire market as Stuart Jones found when he talked to managing director Roy Aylen and sales director Joan Cook recently. They explained that it isn't only the type of work undertaken but the whole ethos of the company that has changed.

Roy Aylen joined Ralphs in November 1994 as chief accountant, having previously held a number of similar posts in the motor industry. The MBO he led in December 1996 was actually the company's second. Founded by Ralph Arrigoni in the 1960s, Ralphs Coaches was sold to a management team of five led by Rod Burling in 1989. Rod retired in January 1995 and later the same year another of the team also sold his stake. The current management team of Roy, Joan and opera-



Roy Aylen and Joan Cook.

tions director, John Rutt, made an offer to buy the business from the remaining three directors, Pat Burke, Keith Myers and Bernard Pritchard, which they accepted.

New emphasis

'The coach industry needs a breath of fresh air to put customer service first,' said Roy, who notes an immense difference in the service standard offered by those opera-

tors he believes are doing the job properly and those that are not. He is clear in his mind about where in the market he wants to see Ralphs positioned, and recognises that this means competing with a small number of very professional concerns. 'We want to present a smart, sharp appearance - almost like a chauffeur.'

'We are aiming at customers to whom quality is

more important than price, though we will always offer good value for money,' said Roy. 'A lot of people are prepared to pay for quality rather than simply going for the cheapest price. We have already won business from people who were happy with the company they were using at the time, based on the quality of our vehicles and the package we offer.'

'We regard all work and all customers as our legitimate targets. Our approach is one of professional businessmen and those operators who do not act in a businesslike manner have every reason to worry about us. Customers want to deal with operators whose priority is meeting their needs rather than running a fleet of coaches,' said Roy.

Spearheading the drive to win new business is Joan Cook who has been with Ralphs for 14 years. She has masterminded a concerted sales drive which, in Roy's words has, 'Paid wonderful dividends.' In addition to contacting all manner of potential customers, Ralphs exhibited at the World Travel Market which generated a tremen-



Ralphs latest acquisitions are a former Wallace Arnold Volvo B12 Jonckheere and a new Plaxton Premiere 320 bodied Volvo B9M which will be R registered.

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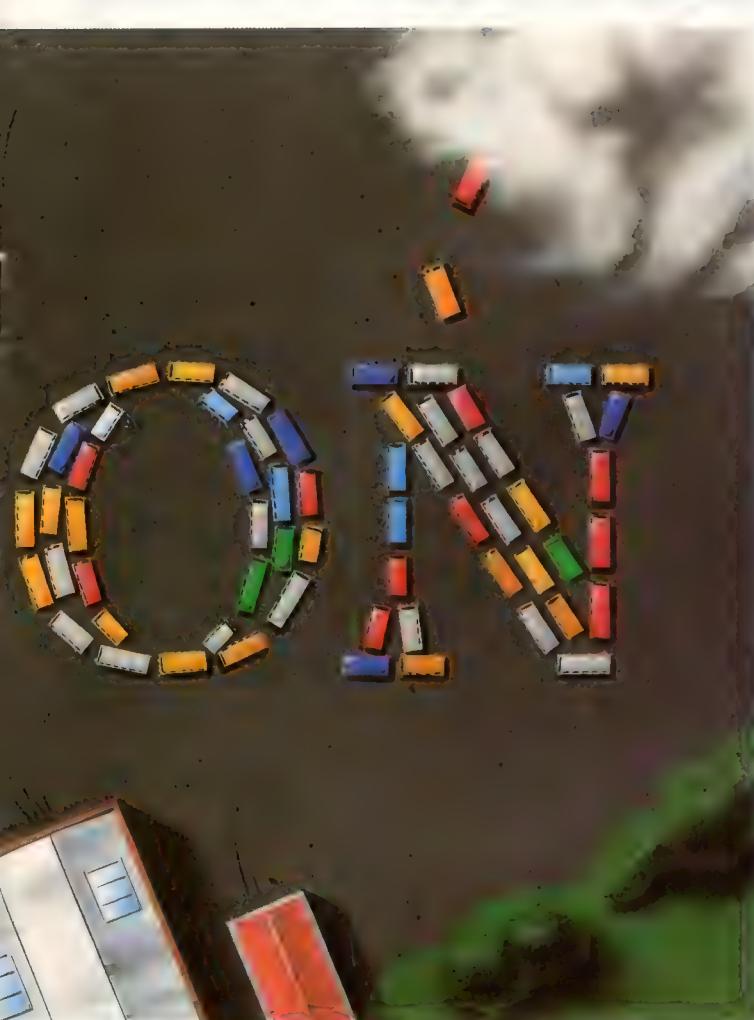
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Ralphs continue to operate a trio of Optare StarRider bodied Mercedes Benz 814Ds on contracts for the Marriott Hotel.

dous amount of business and, through the contacts made, continues to do so. A return visit to WTM is planned this year and another possibility is a promotional tour of America in an attempt to win more custom from American tour companies. At present the amount of American business is relatively small with Japanese and European countries providing a good deal of the workload.

Winter work is more difficult to obtain but is important not only to the profitability of the company but also to maintaining employment for the driving force. Efforts to consolidate winter business through contracts with holiday companies offering products throughout the year have been proving successful.

New full colour promotional brochures have been produced which illustrate the standard of coach a customer can expect as well as describing the services Ralphs can offer. The new brochures are part of a thorough re-design of the company literature which has been accompanied by a change to a new type style for the fleetname. In place of the previous script style which was perceived as old-fashioned and sometimes a little difficult to read, a clearer print has been adopted. The existing two tone blue on a white base livery style which suggests, to me, mountains and the sea, has been retained for two reasons. Firstly it is effective and eye catching and secondly it is relatively easy to apply quickly to coaches that are rented from dealers, in order to maintain the company image. A promotional video is now in the course of preparation.

A result of the changes made and the altered emphasis has been a very considerable increase in enquiry

levels, so much so that an enquiry and customer care department has been opened. This is run by Bob Wakeling who has been with Ralphs for eight years as a driver and more recently scheduling manager.

Working together

It would be wrong to suggest that new brochures, a few tweaks to the image and some new coaches is all that has been required. The new board also identified some serious shortcomings in the way the business was being run and set about putting things in order. Top of the priority list was to create a working environment in which customers were encouraged rather than deterred from calling, and in which it was easier for staff at all levels to perform to the best of their ability.

The previous office accommodation was in a portable building situated within the garage. Access was by means of a metal ladder which did not provide the kind of professional image necessary. One of the first actions of the new board was to arrange for the office func-



The interior of the new Volvo B9M with Plaxton Premiere 320 coachwork.





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tions to relocate in more presentable accommodation across the road from the depot at Iver House. The garage and workshop facilities themselves have been retained, undergoing a modernisation and refurbishment process. This included putting in a driver's rest room.

sis on driver training and the introduction of NVQs and so on.'

Changes at the airports

The move towards a concentration on private hire rather than hotel and airport work had already begun prior



Recently withdrawn because of the introduction of the Hotel Hoppa services are a pair of Wright Crusader bodied Volvo B6LEs which were on contract to Holiday Inns.

A key part of the new philosophy was a drive to encourage drivers and staff to work more closely than previously. Roy is confident that a new spirit of working together is being created and that this is having a positive effect on morale. He commented, 'We have had a remarkable number of good drivers, who had left, come back to the company. We pay good salaries and expect the best. Our drivers are our ambassadors, the most important people in the company.' Illustrating this importance he added, 'Joan can go out and put a lot of hard work into winning a new customer but in five minutes a driver can lose it for you if he does things the wrong way.'

There is still some way to go in what Roy would like to see achieved, but it has been a matter of first things first. 'The first thing has been to regain trust and we have now done that,' he said. 'I would now like to see more emphasis

to the recent changes at Heathrow which have seen Speedlink operated bus services, each serving a number of hotels, replace the bulk of the previous single hotel courtesy coaches. The aim of the changes was to reduce the amount of coach traffic circulating at the airport but there have been serious criticisms of the new scheme and some airlines have threatened to boycott Heathrow hotels in favour of establishments further afield because of it.

Roy agrees with critics of the scheme who point out that now hotel customers have to pay to use it, it is cheaper for families and groups of travellers to get a taxi, there is little incentive for a customer to stay on a bus to reach the third hotel on a route, and the element of personal service has been lost because a bus service cannot wait a minute for one of a group in the way that a dedicated coach can.



Two of the most recently delivered Plaxton Premiere 350 Volvo B10Ms seen at Yeates prior to delivery.

The year quoted denotes the year of registration not necessarily the year of manufacture

Operator Focus

Among the contracts lost was one for the Holiday Inn which had occupied two Wright Crusader bodied Volvo B6LE low floor buses. These N registered buses are now being offered for sale. Not all of the hotels have opted to participate in the Hotel Hoppa scheme, and three specially liveried Mercedes Benz 814D Optare StarRiders continue to serve the Marriott Hotel, Slough.

As well as losing work at Heathrow, the loss of the car park shuttle contract buses at Stansted has underlined that the move towards seeking more private hire was the right one. The Stansted contract had involved six lift equipped Optare Delta DAF SB220s.

Roy commented, 'We were disappointed to lose the Stansted contract because we'd put a lot into it. The same goes for the hotels.' At the same time he is philosophical and recognises that the situation could easily change again. 'We are now geared up for private hire but should opportunities in the hotel and airport sectors reappear, we wouldn't hesitate to make the most of them.' With its premises located in Slough, Ralphs will be well placed to return to the airport and hotel sector, although such is the demand currently being experienced for private hire coaches, it may be that there would not be sufficient space at the existing premises to cope.

Vehicles

In order to offer a wide range of options to customers, vehicles with seating capacities of 18, 36, 48 and 53 are operated. The current fleet strength stands at 24 and all vehicles are equipped with air conditioning, reclining seats with lap belts, video and hot drink facilities. Most have toilets and some also have serveries.

With the exception of one vehicle carrying the livery of a tour company all of the front line coaches now date from 1992 or later. The buying policy calls for a mix of new coaches and good late secondhand models with some renting when necessary. 'Because of the calibre of work we are looking for, we are going to have to keep a very modern fleet,' said Roy.

For some years the Volvo marque has been favoured for

all full sized and midi bus and coach purchases, with Mercedes Benz and Toyota supplying the requirement for smaller vehicles. Among the Volvos owned have been some unusual examples including the only Wadham Stringer Vanguard bodied front engined Volvo B57, Volvo B6 coaches with both

quickly and well. They have been a great asset to Ralphs since the buyout, they've helped us a lot. Tony's been a tower of strength for us.'

Illustrating the extent to which operator and dealer work together, Roy commented, 'When we win a contract, I believe we should select the vehicle then take the dealer



One of several Van Hool Alizee bodied Volvo B10Ms seen sporting the previous script fleetname style.

Jonckheere and Caetano coachwork, and some rare Volvo B9Ms with Plaxton Bustler bus bodies.

It was once the case that many operators favoured a single dealer for their new vehicle purchases although such loyalty is becoming rarer. Ralphs enjoy a good working relationship with Yeates Bus & Coach and all recent large vehicle purchases, both new and second-

along to the customer to help them to agree the specification.'

Since the management buyout there has been a renewed emphasis on modernising the fleet with £1.8 million spent so far in 1997 on updating. New purchases have included four Plaxton Premiere 350 bodied B10Ms, with a Premiere 320 bodied B9M the newest acquisition having entered service on 1



A Jonckheere coach rented from Yeates is this Deauville on a B10M chassis which originally ran for Bebbs. Several similar ex Wallace Arnold coaches have been purchased. It is pictured in service in central London during July.

hand, have been through the Loughborough based dealership. Roy explained why. 'Business has to be based on honesty and trust and with that in mind, Yeates, especially Tony Harvey, have never let me down. When there have been problems, which there have, they have responded

August. In addition a variety of late secondhand coaches have been acquired through Yeates including a trio of Jonckheere Deauville bodied B10Ms. A slightly more exotic purchase is a three axle Volvo B12T with Jonckheere coachwork, which was previously the only vehicle of its

type to operate for Wallace Arnold.

Dislikes

Roy would not like to imply that the company suffers any more than others from bad debts but on rare occasions it can be difficult to obtain payment from overseas customers. 'The problem with some overseas customers is that they can run up bills and you can't sue them because they have no assets. One of the biggest problems I've seen,' said Roy, 'is that there is no credit vetting organisation. Obviously operators are reluctant to tell others who their customers are but it does mean a company can run up huge bad debts with a number of companies. It would be a help if operators had somewhere they could register companies who had major bad debts against them. It would warn and safeguard other operators, and if those other operators then refused to deal with them, it would give more chance of the original operator getting paid.'

On a lighter note, one thing that gets Roy's goat is the use of Irish registration plates. 'I don't like the way that they hide registration numbers,' he said, 'It's a bit of a sore point with me. I think it's morally wrong, the buyer has the right to know what age of vehicle he's sitting on. If I see an Irish plate now I think, What's wrong with the coach? In fairness we've inherited two with Irish plates but they won't be staying long.' He is less bothered by personalised plates which he sees as something different - a way of helping to market the company.

Summary

Times of change can be daunting for a company and in Ralphs case there has been the double upheaval of a management buyout and the loss of a significant number of contracts in a field in which the company was well respected. In changing the emphasis of the company towards private hire, the directors have acted positively to ensure the future well being of the business and overhauled the organisation in a manner which promises to make it more capable of handling whatever other changes it faces in the future.

By Stuart Jones

Public reaction to the new FirstBus standard



In Greater Manchester's new cream, duo blue and gold livery is this Wright Renown Fioline bodied Volvo B10BLE.

Having undergone an arduous process of consultation with the general public, vehicle manufacturers and industry suppliers, the much vaunted new FirstBus interior is being shown to the public in a multi venue road show covering the company's subsidiaries. Martin Cole saw the original options put to customers, looked at the final design, and considered the installation of the new specification into the most recently completed buses. Last Wednesday (6 August) he joined the people of Northampton to see what the public verdict was.

To hammer home the message that all interiors would appear the same irrespective of which manufacturer built them, three vehicles were paraded in Northampton's Abington Street, a pedestrian precinct in the busy shopping and market area of the town. These included a Wright Renown bodied Volvo B10BLE from Greater Manchester in the latest Midland Bluebird style livery, a Wright-Scania Access-ultralow from Greater Glasgow and an 11.5 metre Optare Excel from neighbouring Leicester Citybus.

Public interest in the vehicles was considerable although their late arrival, the absence of display boards explaining the point of the exercise and insufficient staff

to answer the questions on other bus matters that customers wanted to raise, meant that the most was not made of the public relations opportunity.

The new interior is not just about the colour of the materials chosen. The seats gained good marks in the assessment and are a very comfortable choice. The flooring is non-slip and purported to be hard wearing, and the seat spacing has been increased although it has meant a reduction in the number of seat places available.

Nearly all visitors were



Passengers were keen to have a look.

From Greater Glasgow came this Scania-Wright Access-ultralow.

very appreciative of the generous seat spacings but not pleased that these closed up towards the rear. Once it was pointed out to them that there were practical design problems in avoiding wheel arches and the actual amount of space on the raised rear section dictated seat positioning to a degree, they were satisfied that they were getting a good option. Those that said they liked the colours were also asked if they thought it would suit partially sighted people - they all said no.

It is claimed that the colours, co-ordinated shades

of purple, grey and aquamarine, were the most popular choice among passengers during the original discussion process, although they appear to a number of people in the industry to be at odds with the spirit of DiPTAC. Surely a bright yellow stanchion or handrail is much more easily seen by partially sighted passengers. The palm operated bell pushes are still bright yellow, but with one exception are on the backs of the stanchions, rendering them invisible to passengers making their way onto the bus.

Very few people expressed any dislike of the colour scheme. Those that did were all male and felt it was 'a bit dark for me' or 'It's all right but I wouldn't have chosen it.' In practical terms the dark moquette will not show marks so easily and its appearance should give it a long service life - vandals permitting. (One lady told me the new gas buses in Northampton had been put on her usual route and within two or three days of their arrival seats were already in tatters through being slashed with knives.)

At the back of my mind, during the time I spent talking to members of the public at the launch, was a nagging doubt that they were somehow missing the point of the



An example of the new first bus moquette in the Excel.

Interior Focus

exercise. So many of them came aboard and when asked what they thought about the interior design made comments on how low the entrance was, and how much better these buses were for elderly people and shoppers. They took little notice of the layout or colour scheme unless asked quite specifically. Most were more interested in when they would be getting buses like these on their local routes, how long before there was a return to employing conductors and would these new buses run to time!

Some people felt the overall package made a very good impression when you boarded the bus, but enquiring beyond this statement it was clear that the overall accessibility and ease of boarding were the key factors in their conclusions. The problem is that colours, particularly in their use and application, are very subjective. What appeals to some is not acceptable to others. Henry Ford once said his customers could have any colour car they wanted as long as it was black. This



One of ten Optare Excels from the Leicester Citybus fleet used to demonstrate the new standard interior.

worked for a short time while demand was high. How many black Fords do you see these days?

Having three vehicles from different fleets present also emphasised the point that although FirstBus has standardised the interiors, the exteriors have no corporate cohesion beyond the F roundel. This is probably far too subtle for all but the most eagle-eyed passengers to

spot. If the point of the exercise is to attract customers with the comfort and style of the new interior, how is the potential passenger meant to guess from the outside of the bus that it, rather than one belonging to a competitor, is the one that has had all the research and design lavished upon it. FirstBus has certainly come up with an interior which is customer friendly, and offers significant

advances in comfort - but is it making the most of it?

As well as launching the new interior, Wrights took the opportunity to announce that its initial order for 247 12 metre, fully accessible buses had been increased 16% by FirstBus - taking the value to above £15m. The breakdown includes 112 Renown bodied Volvo B10BLEs and 175 Scania L113 Access Ultralows. The interior launch also highlighted how popular the Wright Floline design is with the public. It got top marks in the accessibility stakes, the Optare Excel's single step to the rear saloon drew very little criticism but the Scania Access Ultralow attracted unfavourable comments for its two steps. One member of the public wanted to know why the rear saloon was raised at all. After being told that it was an unfortunate design handicap that engines and drivelines had to be put somewhere, the visitor said 'Well, why can't they put the engine at the back then?'

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Hursts new Scanias

Hursts of Wigan have purchased two new Scania K113TRB three axle coaches with Irizar Century bodies, to add to a two axle Century bought earlier this year. Both are in the usual Hurst's colours of blue, orange and silver though each has the scheme applied differently. The first of the pair features 49 recliners, centre sunken toilet, drinks machine, dash refrigerator, driver's bunk, double glazing, paralift lockers, a driver's safe and air conditioning as well as a twin monitor video system. The second coach is similar but has 41 recliners and four tables. They were supplied by Scania Bus & Coach (UK) Ltd.

Sixth Browns Beaver

Browns Coaches of South Kirkby near Pontefract took delivery of its sixth Beaver minicoach on 1 August. Based on a Mercedes Benz 814D chassis, it is a 33 seater and replaces an older 25 seater. General manager, Adrian Griffith commented, 'It's a coach that suits our operation well, offering a high standard of comfort and good value for money. The latest version with the improved interior and belts on all seats is easily the best yet.' Purchased for use on private hire work and occasionally for continental trips, it was supplied by Kirkby Coach & Bus.



Reading take more Excels

Reading Transport has added a further five 11.5 metre Optare Excels to the 10 it is already operating. This second batch has been purchased for the fasttrack park & ride contract between the car parks at Loddon Bridge and Reading town centre and railway station. Similar in specification to the earlier buses, each has 34 Richards & Shaw Tempo seats and five tip up seats, with a buggy bay on the offside and a wheelchair bay on the nearside.

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Parry's International Tours of Cheslyn Hay have taken delivery of this Volvo B9M Van Hool Alizee HE 10 metre coach which offers a very high degree of passenger comfort. The specification includes 30 reclining seats with folding tables and cupholders, an offside rear floor mounted washroom with hand drier, a rear nearside L shaped servery, a Blaupunkt video with four colour monitors, Bosch burglar alarm, Sutrap air conditioning, Webasto pre-heater and timer, central locking, offside rear continental door and solid rear panel. The coach was supplied by Moseley (PCV) Ltd in Parry's familiar red, black and gold livery.

Axial pair

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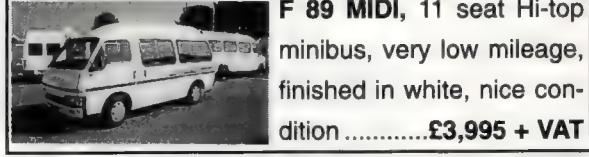
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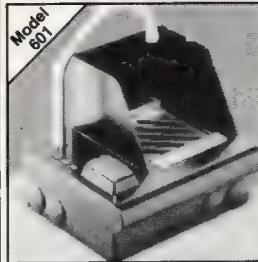
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Fleet Additions

First Axial for Thomas Coaches

Thomas Coaches of Porth, Rhondda has a number of Berkhof Excellence 2000 coaches including several double deckers and have now acquired its first Axials. A pair of similarly specified vehicles have been supplied by AVE Berkhof Ltd on Scania K113CRB chassis. 51 Vogel recliners, a Telma retarder, a Webasto pre-heater, alloy wheels, a sunken toilet and a servery are among the facilities.



Silver Star pre-owned Volvo Van Hool

The Moseley (PCV) workshop has re-delivered and supplied a former Wallace Arnold 1994 Volvo B10M Van Hool Alizee HE to Silver Star Coach Holidays of Caernarfon. The 48/50 seat coach features air conditioning.



Callinan Mistral

Callinan Coach Hire of Cregboy, Co Galway have recently taken delivery of this Jonckheere Mistral 50 Volvo B10M. It is equipped with 49/53 reclining seats with seat belts, centre sunken toilet, continental door, TV/video system, radio/PA/cassette and full draw curtains. It also features a Telma retarder and alloy wheels. It was supplied by Yeates Bus & Coach.



Freedom Express is a new Bova Futura FHD12.330 recently supplied by Moseley (PCV) Ltd to Sheffield Community Transport. The specification includes a wheelchair accessible nearside rear toilet compartment, a single attendant's seat at the offside rear, 40 recliners with quick release fittings, seat belts and tip-up trays, six wheelchair locations, each with Unwin semi-flush rails, bracketry and belts, a nearside Kos wheelchair lift, an extensively equipped servery unit, and no rear window.



WA Van Hools

Included this season's deliveries to Wallace Arnold are a batch of 15 Van Hool Alizee HE bodied Volvo B10M GLs with roof mounted Sutrak air conditioning. Supplies by Moseley (PCV) Ltd, each has 46 Labellux recliners, an off-side rear sunken toilet with continental door, both roller blinds and decorative curtains, a water boiler and fridge.



Moordale take an Axial on a Volvo

This Berkhof Axial on a Volvo B10M GL chassis has been delivered to Moordale Coaches by AVE Berkhof Ltd. Equipped with 49 recliners and Sutrak air conditioning, the coach also has a Webasto pre-heater, Shades fresh water toilet, fridge, hot water boiler and Telma retarder.



Caetanos for D Coaches

Filled-in rear windows were specified by D Coaches of Swansea on three 3.5 metre high Caetano Algarve II coaches recently supplied by Salvador Caetano UK on Volvo B10M chassis. The trio is equipped with Telma retarders and an extensive body specification which includes 48 recliners with customised headrest covers, rear mounted saloon toilet, servery with boiler and cooler box, double glazing and Blaupunkt audio system.

Fleet Additions



NCP Beaver 2s for Glasgow

The opening of a new long term car park at a site a little over half a mile from Glasgow Airport has prompted NCP to buy three Plaxton Beaver 2 bodied Mercedes Benz Vario minibuses. Equipped with automatic gearboxes to make life easier for NCP's drivers, the minibuses have full width entrances, 23 seats and large luggage racks located behind the driver. The trio will be providing a round the clock courtesy bus service to the car park.



London United has placed six Optare Excels in service alongside Optare Vectas on London Transport route 371. The new 10.0m buses seat 36 and have driver's assault screens. They meet LT Schedule X specifications but are not provided with wheelchair facilities.



Garrett's Coaches of Newton Abbott, Devon have placed three new Bova FHD330L integral coaches in service recently. Moseley in the South supplied the vehicles which have 49 recliners, air conditioning, centre sunken toilet and continental door, video system and water boiler.



Lothian stay with Caetano

Lothian Region Transport has purchased its fifth new Dennis Javelin coach since 1995. Equipped with Salvador Caetano Algarve II coachwork fitted with 53 Fainsa recliners and a courier seat, LRT will be using it on everything from day excursions to European holidays as well as charter work. Chief executive, Charles Evans, commented, 'Visitors to Edinburgh have high expectations, and by operating attractive, modern vehicles we aim to meet those expectations.'



Stan and Vera Roper of Ropers Coaches of Bradford have taken this Bova Futura FHD 12.330 coach to mark the 25 anniversary of the company. Supplied by Moseley (PCV), it has a centre sunken toilet and continental door, 49 reclining seats, a webasto pre-heater, a water boiler and fridge, and roller blinds.



Steels of Addingham have purchased this Scania L94 Irizar InterCentury from Scania Bus & Coach (UK). It has 57 recliners, air conditioning, electric drivers window, driver's safe, double glazing, hydraulic retarder, radio/PA/cassette and Scania GR801 Comfort Shift gearbox. It joins a K113 Irizar Century.



Premiere Tellings

Tellings Golden Miller's most recent order for Plaxton Premiere coaches takes the total of such bodies supplied to the company by Kirkby Coach & Bus to 13. The latest vehicles are four Premiere 350s mounted on Volvo B10M chassis, though they have been specified as two pairs. Two 53 seaters carry a graduated blue scheme for Gullivers Travel Agency, while two 49 seaters are in Tellings own colours and have air conditioning.



New Citistars for Glyn Williams

Glyn Williams Travel of Caerphilly has taken delivery of this Mercedes Vario O.814 with UVG Citistar bodywork and is expecting two more Citistars in August.

Glyn Williams has been operating in the Caerphilly area for 25 years, working in the hilly terrain of the western valleys of Gwent. His existing Mercedes 811s are now relegated to work formerly carried out by 609 and 709 minibuses.



Scarlet Band go for a 'R' registered Bova from Moseley

Arthur Blenkinsop, trading as Scarlet Band Motor Services of West Cornforth, County Durham, has purchased a new Bova Futura FHD 12.330 from Moseley PCV of Pontefract. The specification called for air conditioning, 49 Bova B10 reclining seats, water boiler, fridge, and a windowless rear panel.



A RED plate for Redline Travel's new Volvo

Shane Nuttall's Preston based Redline Travel operation has taken delivery of this Volvo B10M GL with Van Hool Alizee HE coachwork. It has an appropriate RED cherished registration. Included in the specification are 49 Labellux recliners, Sutrik air conditioning, a water boiler and a fridge. Moseley (PCV) Ltd supplied the coach in white.

Products & Services

Roncol Fuel Scout

Roncol services has launched Fuel Scout, claimed to be a sophisticated yet user friendly fuel monitoring system. In addition to controlling the use of pumps and consumption of fuel, it can be an aid to managing the regular servicing and maintenance of the fleet. The system also monitors fuel stocks and predicts when replenishment is necessary.

Fuel Scout is easy to read, employing a large, back-lit, full graphics liquid crystal display. This is to allow large, clear prompts for users, easy to understand icons and large text to avoid confusion. Its operation is controlled by touch buttons at the side of the screen and there is an alpha-numeric keypad as well. A standard unit will control up to six pumps and 200 vehicles/drivers. Optional memory modules can increase this number to 65,000. Any number of Fuel Scouts can be linked to a central computer, transferring data via disk, cable link or an optional modem. If printed matter is required an internal or external printer can be specified. The information can also be sent directly to a fax machine anywhere in the world via a modem.

Access to Fuel Scout is through coded keys or a swipe card and the time or frequency of withdrawal can be controlled by the management. For more information contact Terry Smith at Roncol on 01492 623787.

MAN continue expansion

The expansion of MAN Truck & Bus UK's sales, service and parts support continues with the acquisition of Bevan Commercials which has facilities in Cardiff and Bridgend. All staff are being transferred to the new company and the business will be developed into a purpose-built sales, parts and service operation.

Accident Management Service from Fiat

Fiat Auto has extended its customer Accident Management Service (FAMS) to cover its light commercial range. This is free of charge and applies to all UK registered vehicles less than five years old. Previously it was only available to purchasers of new vehicles but now the drivers of all Fiats up to five years old can make use of the service if they are involved in an accident.

FAMS is administered by the Automobile Association on behalf of Fiat Auto (UK) and is accessed via a Freephone call to a dedicated FAMS team, available 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. This ensures that all appropriate actions are taken and the correct decisions made to gain the highest level

of attention, service and assistance anywhere in the UK or Channel Islands.

Typically, FAMS provides: Scene of accident advice; a message relaying service; guaranteed repairs; vehicle delivery; assistance with insurance/claims paperwork; advice on uninsured loss recovery, and, if the vehicle cannot be driven safely or legally, vehicle recovery; and assistance with making onward travel arrangements. Fiat has confirmed the scheme applies to Ducato minibuses less than five years old. Customers can obtain registration forms from any Fiat dealership or by telephoning Fiat Customer Services on Freephone 0800 717000.

Counter service for exhausts

Timax Direct, the fast-response commercial vehicle replacement silencer division of Timax Exhaust Systems has reintroduced a counter collection service at its regional distribution centres for operators that prefer to collect parts. The next-day delivery distribution service, Truckmaster Direct, is centred at Blackpool, from where satellite centres are provided with stock which includes British-made silencer products and the range of Wasey

replacement exhaust systems. For details contact Truckmaster Direct on 0990 143416.

New products being added to the Timax range for cleanliness and hygiene in the workshop include latex disposable gloves. Available in packets of 100, in a single size, they offer protection for staff tackling particularly greasy jobs or where diesel or paraffin may be splashed around.

Poplar 2000 wash

Poplar 2000, which claims to be Europe's biggest truck stop has installed a drive-through vehicle wash which is available to bus, coach and truck operators. It operates from 7.00am to 7.00pm weekdays and from 7.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays. TCC, owners of the operation, installed a Smith Bros & Webb Britannia Strong machine which is a three brush roll-over gantry type. A 12 metre coach can be given a full wash programme for £11.91 plus VAT.

Cheaper cleaner

The price of cleaning chemicals in the Graffiti range has been reduced 15% by Perpetual Environmental. The company claims successful sales and reduced overheads have meant savings can be passed on to the customer. The range of cleaners can be neutralised by water and have been widely classed as safe. The product for cleaning coated plastics and perspex is claimed to retain colour and clarity on the original material. For details contact Sue Baines at Perpetual Environmental, telephone 01491 641945.

Majorlift extended warranty

Majorlift Hydraulic Equipment, manufacturers of jacking beams and pit jacks, has announced the launch of an extended warranty programme. The normal 12 month warranty on the purchase of new equipment is now extendable to three years for a fixed one-off cost. Majorlift say the principle benefit to customers will be that they will know precisely what to budget for the continued safe operation of the equipment into its second and third years. More details can be obtained by contacting Mike Selby at Majorlift on 01454 299299.

EEC pistons

European Engine Components has been appointed the official UK stockist for Italian OE piston manufacturer Mondial Piston Spa. This means an extensive range of pistons, rings and cylinder liners will now be available for Iveco Daily, Eurocargo, Turbotech, Turbostar, Eurotech, Eurostar and Eurotrakker.

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1995 M VOLVO B10M MK4 PLAXTON PREMIERE 320, 53 RECLINING SEATS

Exterior Cream & red, Interior Brown Striped Moquette, Radio, PA, Cassette, Microphone, Telma Retarder, Front Wheel Discs, Driver Operated Door, ABS, Webasto, Drivers Fan, Courier Fan, Tinted Windows, Double Glazing, Blinds, Seat Belts and Magazine Nets. Ref: 0167

1993 L VOLVO B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE, 46 RECLINING SEATS

Exterior White, Interior Grey Moquette, Exhaust Brake, Microphone, Cassette, Front Wheel Discs, Driver Operated Door, Drivers Fan, Courier Fan, Pannier Locker, Aircraft Locker, Tinted Windows, Peage Window, Double Glazing, Curtains, Continental Door, Hot & Cold Water, Tea/Coffee Machine, Servery, Fridge, Drinks Trays on Seats, Magazine Nets, Armrests, Crew Seat, Rapide Spec. and Toilet. Ref: 0965

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Exterior White, Interior Grey, red and Blue Striped Moquette, Radio, PA, Stereo, Driver Operated Door, Exhaust Brake, Side Locker, N/S Toilet, Double Glazing, Tinted Windows, Blinds, Continental Door, Crew Seat, Soft Trim and Wiring for TV/Video. Ref: 6511

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Exterior Blue and Grey, Interior Grey and Red Moquette, Radio, PA, Microphone, Cassette, Front Wheel Discs, Driver Operated Door, ABS, Rear Window, Tinted Windows, Double Glazing, Curtains and Armrests. Ref: 0952

1992 J VOLVO B10M PLAXTON EXCALIBUR, 49 RECLINING SEATS

Exterior Silver ad Blue Striped, Grey Striped Moquette, Exhaust Brake, TV, Radio, PA, Microphone, Cassette, Wheel Discs, Driver Operated Door, Drivers Fan, Courier Fan, Pannier Lockers, Tinted Windows, Double Glazing, Blinds, Continental Door, Tea/Coffee Machine, Fridge, Crew Seat, Crew Compartment and Centre Toilet. Ref: 7053

1992 J VOLVO B10M PREMIERE 320, 53 RECLINING SEATS

Exterior Cream & Red, Interior Duo Brown Moquette, Radio, PA, Cassette, Wheel Discs, Driver Operated Door, ABS, Telma Retarder, Side Locker, Double Glazing, Tinted Windows, Curtains, Crew Seat. Ref: 6844



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1989 PRIVATE DAF SB3000 VAN HOOL ALIZEE, 49 RECLINING SEATS

Exterior White Only, Interior Brown and Orange Moquette, Exhaust Brake, Radio, PA, Microphone, Cassette, Wheel Discs, Driver Operated Door, ABS, Tinted Windows, Double Glazing, Curtains, Continental Door, Hot & Cold Water, Tea/Coffee Machine, Fridge, Seat Belts, Magazine Nets, Crew Seat, Provision for Crew Compartment and Toilet. Ref: 1017

1986 PRIVATE LEYLAND TIGER DUPLE 340, 49 RECLINING SEATS

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